

Dear Parents and carers

It has been a great pleasure welcoming both the children and families to our Nursery. We hope that you have all been made to feel welcome as you are all now part of our family here at New Pastures Primary. If at any time you have a problem, or question, please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Haycock either at drop off or collection time if it is a quick question. If you need to ask something private or more in-depth, send a message on Dojo's or ring school to leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Please note I will be teaching so will not see messages or get back to you immediately, but I will do my best. If it is something urgent that I need to know you can pass me a note or ring the office and they will inform me.

Each half term we take a theme to focus our learning on, this half term our topic in Nursery is 'How am I me?' Could you please provide us with a baby photograph of your child so we can make a display of how they have changed (Please put their name on the back).

**Week 1 + 2** We will be welcoming the children on a staggered entry so that we can settle them into the Nursery to get to know them in smaller groups. This helps us to establish our routines and school rules, which will help them to feel safe and happy.

We will be talking to the children about starting school and that it is different to home but also some things are the same. For this if you could provide a photograph of your home for our 'home corner' e.g.

- Your child eating a meal in the kitchen
- your child in the bathroom washing their hands or brushing their teeth
- your child in the bedroom looking at a book before bedtime.
- Or a photograph in the living room playing a game or watching t.v.

The photographs will help the children to talk about their home and relate their experiences to the nursery setting, making them feel more comfortable in their new surroundings.

**Week 3** We will be learning about our senses, starting with what we can see and hear. We will also be going on a listening walk around school and the field (we will have to be quiet for this one, so wish us luck!). In the garden we will be seeing what is growing or crawling around and listening to the sounds that we can hear. We will also be looking to see what is unique about each and everyone of us and what is the same.

**Week 4** We will continue with our Senses topic focussing on our sense of smell, touch and taste. We will be tasting fruits and vegetables, guessing what is inside the smelly pots and what is hiding inside the feely box. The children will be taste different types of food to identify spicy, sweet, sour and bland foods. You could have a go at these games at home.

**Week 5** This is our favourite week in Nursery - **Outdoor week**- '**Splish, splash, splosh**'. No matter what the weather we will be outside on the field for the first hour of each day. We will be making pies in our mud kitchen, making dens, gardening and learning about Autumn. We will be looking around the school field to see how the field is changing in

Autumn. For your home work we will be asking you to take your child on an Autumn walk near your home, we would be happy for any objects that you find such as Pine cones, conkers and different coloured leaves so that we can make pictures with them outside.

**Week 6** We will be talking about the people who help us at home. We will also be learning about people who help us in school and else where e.g. Dr's, Nurses, Crossing patrol officers etc. If any parents or relatives would like to send a short video clip on Dojo's telling the children about their job, we would be happy to show to the children. Mrs Haycock's daughter is a Nurse and will be coming in to talk to the children and work in our Hospital role play for the day. We will also be learning about road safety, in a role play situation so please encourage your children to check the road before crossing with you.

**Week 7** 'There's a child just like me' -We will be learning about our bodies, looking at how we have grown and changed from when we were born and using the photographs on our display wall. In P.E. we will be finding out if we can hop, skip and jump. After we have drawn around each other outside we will label the body parts in all the languages spoken by the children in our class, we will need help with this please. We usually ask a parent with a small baby to bring them into class to tell us how they look after them. As we cannot have visitors in school if anyone would like to video themselves talking about their baby and letting the child tell us a little about their baby brother or sister, please let me know and we could either give you the nursery flip camera or you could post a video on Dojo's.

Each week we will be baking on a Friday, the children wash their hands before starting and again if they touch their hair or face - the buns or biscuits will have been in the oven therefore all germs will be killed off. One of the Nursery staff will place them into a bag using plastic gloves so no one will have touched the food. We believe we have made this process as safe as possible, if you do not want your child to take any baking home, please let us know.

Also, on Friday's we will be giving out two pieces of homework, the first is a copy of the song or rhyme we are learning so that you can practice it. The second will be topic based; we will send a piece of paper with a simple title on that we will be focusing on in the next week. All that we ask is that you work with your child, collecting photographs, information or drawing pictures on the topic. The home work is your child's so please let them do the pictures and put a description next to it so that I can help them when they are showing the class their work. Please bring this in on Monday for your child to share with the class and start us off on our learning for the week.

Library book are also given out on a Friday for you to enjoy at home, please return your book on the following Friday so that we can help your child to choose a new one (Only return books on a Friday so that we can keep a track of books returned).

We are looking forward to a wonderful year in school.

Please follow the Covid 19 guidelines to keep us all safe so that we can stay open.

Kind regards

Your Nursery team

Mrs Haycock and Mrs Newby.